

Y. M. C. A. WILL KEEP OPEN
HOUSE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Building Will be Open for Public Inspection Throughout Day—Athletic Meet Will Take Place in Evening at Gym.

New Years will be a red letter day for the Calumet Y. M. C. A. Plans are already complete for the entertainment of a large number of visitors throughout the day and an athletic meet to take place in the evening in the gymnasium.

The building will be open for public inspection both morning and afternoon and the members are urged to bring their friends so that they may see the institution. Visitors will be provided to conduct visitors and strangers through the building. Music will be rendered for the entertainment of visitors and a calendar exhibit, as well as an exhibit of amateur photography, will be provided.

In the evening a big athletic meet will be conducted in the gymnasium, for the senior members. The events will include the running high jump, pole vault, shot-put, 18 yard dash, high dive, relay race between picked teams, and other events. The winners will be awarded prizes. It is expected that a large number of visitors will be present.

A party of Y. M. C. A. members will this evening walk to the station of the United Wireless Telegraph company at Tamarack Junior, where a practical talk will be given by Operator Williams upon wireless telegraphy. This will be the second class to visit the wireless station.

Tomorrow evening, Dr. John McKinnon of Calumet will give a practical talk to the Y. M. C. A. members on "first aid to the injured" tactics. The talk will be the first of a series on this subject and promises to be interesting.

There will be no indoor baseball games at the Y. M. C. A. this week after the match between the Y. M. C. A. and Commercial teams Wednesday evening.

At a meeting held last evening, Will Nekorski was elected captain of the Y. M. C. A. basketball team for the coming season. A strong team will be selected from the squad now available. The first practice will be held this evening at 9 o'clock.

Interest in basketball is increasing in Calumet, and it is expected that a number of interesting games will be played between the Y. M. C. A. team and the quintets representing the M. C. M. and the high school.

The regular classes will be conducted at the Y. M. C. A. this week except on Saturday, New Year's day.

NOT EXEMPT.

An evangelist was exhorting his hearers to flee from the wrath to come. "I warn you," he thundered, "that there will be weeping and wailing, and gnashing of teeth!"

At this moment an old woman in the gallery stood up. "Sir," she shouted, "I have no teeth."

"Madam," returned the evangelist severely, "teeth will be provided."

CHINESE WILL TAKE CASE
BEFORE MINISTER TO U. S.

The copper country Chinese do not intend to submit to the order recently given by U. S. Commissioner Oliver, demanding the deportation of ten of their number to their native land without making a fight and establishing if possible their right to remain here. Not content with appealing the decision recently handed down by Commissioner Oliver to the district court at Marquette, the Celestials have despatched two of their number, Nui Pul and Sie Cou, for Washington, where it is supposed that they will bring the problem before the new minister to the United States, Chung Yin Tang. Both left Calumet yesterday for Chicago, and expect to proceed to Washington at once.

The Chinese residents of Calumet assume that vacant expression characteristic of the Oriental when they are asked about the departure of their countrymen for Washington, and it is impossible to prevail upon one of them to divulge their plans. It is known, however, that they take an exceptional interest in the proceedings which have been under way and that meetings have taken place frequently here during the past few days to consider action.

Just what effect the latest development in the Chinese cases may have in their final disposition it is impossible to learn, but if Minister Tang takes up the cause of his troubled countrymen it may bring about a much broader investigation than has yet been given the upper peninsula cases.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS OF CITIES.

U. S. Census Bureau Bulletin on the Annual Report for 1907.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—The total length of sewers of all classes reported for 1907 of the 158 cities of the United States which in 1907 had an estimated population of over 30,000 each was 22,966.4 miles, according to U. S. Census Bulletin 105, prepared by Mr. E. H. Mallory, division chief, under the supervision of Dr. LeGrand Powers, chief statistician in charge of the official statistics of cities, who has submitted it to Director Durand.

The sewerage system of Atlantic City, N. J., is not included in these statistics, since it is owned by a private corporation, New York City, which is first in rank in population in the country, is also first in rank in miles of sewers, while Chicago is a close second.

The only large city in the country conspicuous for the small number of miles of sewers was Baltimore, Md., with a total mileage of only 62.2.

Of the total mileage shown for the cities reporting, 17,122 miles, or 74.9 per cent., consisted of combined sanitary and storm sewers; 4,543.2 miles, or 22.9 per cent., of sanitary sewers; and 1,301.4 miles, or 5.7 per cent., of storm sewers. The combined is the prevailing type of sewer in all the large cities of the country, and particularly in the northern cities. Many of the southern cities are conspicuous for reporting no sewers of this type.

Tile Leads Other Materials. Classified with reference to character of materials of which constructed.

acter of materials of which constructed, 26.8 per cent. of the total mileage was built of brick, 68.7 per cent. of tile, and 3.5 per cent. of all other materials. A much larger proportion of the brick sewers, which are generally of large dimensions, was reported from the cities having each a population of over 100,000 than from those with less population, and a much larger proportion of the storm sewers than of the sanitary sewers was of this material.

The problem of the disposal of sewage in such a way as not to endanger the health or water supply of the community and neighboring communities is a very serious one for many communities.

The bulletin states that an effort was made to obtain information with regard to the daily volume of sewage in gallons flowing through the sewers, and although the figures obtained in answer to this inquiry are largely estimates, they are approximately correct, especially where a large portion of the sewage is pumped. In England the average per capita of sewage is about 35 gallons, while in London it is 34 gallons. In the United States, owing to the free use of water and to manufacturing wastes, the average daily flow is much greater. For a number of the smaller cities in Massachusetts it is estimated at 100 gallons, and for the south metropolitan district of Boston and near-by cities it is over 250 gallons.

In 33 cities the sewage is pumped and in 18 cities methods of sewage purification have been installed.

Street Improvements.

One of the tables show the area in square yards and the length in miles of paved and improved streets. The classification, according to character of paving or improvement is satisfactory for but few cities, as the greater number keep no records containing this information and therefore have recourse to estimates of varying accuracy.

More than one-third of the cobblestone pavements was reported from Baltimore, Md., and nearly another third from Philadelphia, Pa., Buffalo, N. Y., and Cincinnati, Ohio. More than two-thirds of the wooden block pavement was reported from Chicago, Ill., and Detroit, Mich. The other kinds of pavement are common to a large number of cities, although many of the large southern cities are conspicuous for reporting none or but small areas of macadamized streets.

In comparison with similar statistics for 1905, brick and asphalt pavements have decidedly increased in favor, and bituminous macadam even more; the increases in these classes of pavements have been at the expense of wooden block, cobblestone, gravel, granite, and Belgian block.

Grade Crossings Disappearing.

The total number of crossings of streets by steam railroads reported for 1907 was 17,848, of which 12,718, or 76.9 per cent., were on grade. This is a slightly smaller percentage on grade than the 154 cities reporting for 1905 reported, in the cities having over 30,000 population, 63.1 per cent. were on grade as compared with 65.7 per cent. in 1905. These facts indicate that the most populous cities are making considerable progress in the elimination of grade crossings.

The Census Bureau uses the term "parks" with reference to those grounds which are set apart and maintained for the sole purpose of providing, free of charge, a place for outdoor recreation for the general public. The cities of over 100,000 inhabitants in 1907 having the largest such areas were New York, N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa., and Los Angeles, Cal., respectively. Those cities with the largest percentage of their land area in parks were Lynn, Mass. (15.3 per cent.); Rochester, N. Y. (11.9 per cent.); and Boston, Mass. (10.4 per cent.).

Included under the head of "Public grounds inside city limits" are street-railway parks, which in some cities compare in size and attractiveness with the city parks.

Fault of Weak Mind.

A weak mind is like a microscope, which magnifies trifling things but cannot receive great ones.—Lord Chesterfield.

Why Women Marry.

"Do women marry for a home?" asks the New York World. No; just for an apartment.

Poor Poe!

A New York man has paid \$245 for the MS. of a parody of "The Raven." This, also, would greatly amuse Poe if he could know about it.

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LAURIUM

ANNUAL BENEFIT BALL TO
BE HELD AT THE ARMORY

The ladies of Houghton county have practically completed their preparations for the second annual ball to be given in the Calumet Light Guard Armory tomorrow evening for the joint benefit of the Houghton county Anti-Tuberculosis society and the Calumet Associated Charities. The event promises to be one of the finest ever held in the copper country. Out of town people who plan to attend the party will come to this city on the regular evening train of the Copper Range road. The train will run over the C. & H. tracks to Red Jacket road a short distance from the armory. A special has been provided for those who expect to return home after the party.

The hall has been beautifully decorated for the occasion and presents an attractive appearance. The full C. & H. band has been engaged to render dance music and a fine program has been prepared. Every possible feature has been arranged to add to the pleasure of the evening. The ball will be entirely informal.

The proceeds of the ticket sale will be divided between the Calumet Associated Charities and the Houghton County Anti-Tuberculosis society. These worthy organizations are in need of funds, and the ladies in charge of the party urge the residents of Calumet and other towns in Houghton county to purchase tickets whether they intend to use them or not. The sale of tickets has already been large but the ladies hope to dispose of many more before the party. Tickets may be secured from any member of the ticket committee already announced or at the armory.

MANY SPARROWS FALL.

To date the small boys of Laurium have accounted for 335 sparrows, that number having been presented to Village Clerk Prisk for bounty fees. Last week was a banner week with the boys, the slaughter of the little birds in large quantities being effected in order to secure a few extra pennies for Christmas.

TAX COLLECTIONS SLOW.

The tax collections in the village of Laurium are coming in very slowly. The tax roll has not been returned as yet, but may be at any time now, being open to the call of the county treasurer. There is about \$5,000 outstanding.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES
AT LAURIUM M. E. CHURCH

Arrangements have been made for watch night services to be conducted at the Laurium M. E. church on Friday night. The program arranged for the services is a very interesting one, and it is expected that a large number of the young people will await the passing of the old year and the advent of the new at this service. The program which has been arranged will be in the nature of a concert and praise service.

The service will open at 9 o'clock nine time, with a song service, at which special music will be rendered. Recitations and readings will also be features.

At 10 o'clock, those present will indulge in a social hour. Light refreshments will be served and games indulged in.

A reminiscent hour will begin at 11 o'clock, when those present will review the past year individually and collectively and make plans for the new year. During the last half of the hour directly preceding midnight the meeting will be devoted to consecration and decision.

LAURIUM BREVITIES.

Charles M. Dillon of Laurium, a railway mail clerk, has gone to Iron Mountain, where he will make his headquarters in the future.

The funeral of the three-weeks-old child of W. Hateman of Gay, was held yesterday afternoon.

C. W. Thompson of Laurium, has gone to Duluth on a short business trip.

Village Clerk Martin Prisk reports a total of 26 births and 5 deaths in the village of Laurium to date. The birth rate is about normal, while the death rate is somewhat lighter than in several months past.

Miss Nora Shea, a student in the Kindergarten Training school at Grand Rapids, is home for the holidays.

J. M. Dalling of Laurium, is home from an extended trip to Spokane, and other coast points.

Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Penhallegon of Charlotte, are visiting relatives here.

W. J. Penhallegon, superintendent of the Republic Steel and Iron company of Birmingham, Ala., is in the city visiting relatives.

The funeral of the late Mrs. E. Carter took place this afternoon with services at the Calumet M. E. church. Rev. E. Sedwick officiating. Interment was in Lake View cemetery. Richard Johns of Laurium, is visiting friends in Baraga county.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Gill and daughter, Ida, of Ishpeming, are guests at the home of Marshall James Willis.

One for Wilhelm.

The teacher was giving a geography lesson, and the class, having traveled from London to Labrador, and from Thessaly to Timbuctoo, was thoroughly worn out.

"And now," said the teacher, "we come to Germany, that important country governed by the Kaiser. Tommy Jones, what is a Kaiser?"

"Please m," yawned Tommy Jones, "a stream of hot water springing up and disturbs the earth!"—Argonaut.

Too Many Knaves.

"Why do you propose to call yourself a king?"

A royal flush overspread the brow of the prince of Montenegro. "I have here," he replied, "the cards of the heads of reigning families."

He shuffled the cards nervously. "Observe for yourself that there are too many knaves in the pack," he added.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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The Better Half.

"I've often wondered," said Jones, "why woman is called the better half."

"I'll tell you," said Smith; "but it's a hard matter to clearly define. You naturally, being a workman, think money better than anything else?"

Jones assented. "You likewise know that money talks?"

"So I've heard," Jones replied; "although, to tell the truth, I usually hear only the echo of it."

"Well, we grant that money is better than all else; we grant, also, that money talks. Well, woman is half of a man's life. And—"

"Yes, indeed," finished Jones, interrupting him, "and she certainly does talk."

The Note That Jarred.

"She would have been such a pretty girl," mused the artist man, with a touch of regret. "Yes—much more than pretty. When she came in and took her seat across from us at the theater my companion and I were fascinated by the classic mold of her features, combined with the fresh beauty of a perfect complexion. But that protuberance of hair at the back of her head! It was wadded and padded and stuffed out until it looked as if it might conceal a life preserver. And at the geometrical center of this mass a wispy little curl lay on its side and kicked up its heels."

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